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The President's Message

President Taft, in his first message to Congress, starts off many paragraphs with "the successful party in the last election," "following the policies of my distinguished predecessor," and the like, and the last election which he might well have omitted.

Under the head of Postoffice Department, he takes the following whack at the deficiency which annually faces the Department:

The deficit every year in the Post Office Department is largely caused by the low rate of postage of 1 cent a pound charged on second-class mail matter, which includes not only newspapers, but magazines and miscellaneous periodicals. The actual loss growing out of the transmission of this second-class mail matter at 1 cent a pound amounts to \$63,000,000 a year. The average cost of the transportation of this matter is more than 9 cents a pound.

It appears that the average distance over which newspapers are delivered to their customers is 291 miles, while the average haul of magazines is 1,049, and of miscellaneous periodicals 1,128 miles. Thus, the average haul of the magazine is three and one-half times that of the miscellaneous periodical nearly four times the haul of the daily newspaper, yet all of them pay the same postage rate of 1 cent a pound. The statistics of 1907 show that second-class mail matter constituted 63.91 per cent of the weight of all the mail, and yielded only 5.19 per cent of the revenue.

The figures given are startling, and show the payment by the Government of an enormous subsidy to the newspapers, magazines, and periodicals, and Congress may well consider whether radical steps should not be taken to reduce the deficit in the Post-Office Department caused by this discrepancy between the actual cost of transportation and the compensation exacted therefor.

A great saving might be made, amounting to much more than half of the loss, by imposing upon magazines and periodicals a higher rate of postage. They are much heavier than newspapers, and contain a much higher proportion of advertising to reading matter, and the average distance of their transportation is three and a half times as great.

The total deficit for the last fiscal year in the Post-Office Department amounted to \$17,500,000. The branches of its business which it did at a loss were the second-class mail service, in which the loss, as already said, was \$63,000,000, and the free rural delivery, in which the loss was \$28,000,000. These losses were in part offset by the profits of letter postage and other sources of income. It would seem wise to reduce the loss upon second-class mail matter, at least to the extent of preventing a deficit in the total operations of the Post-Office.

I commend the whole subject to Congress, not unmindful of the spread of intelligence which a low charge for carrying newspapers and periodicals assists. I very much doubt, however, the wisdom of a policy which constitutes so large a subsidy and requires additional taxation to meet it.

We think it would be better if the President took up cudgels against the "franking" privilege, which annually takes millions away from the postal receipts, instead of aiming at the newspapers.

If the Government would establish a sensible Prepaid Post system, as every other civilized country on the globe has done, the postal deficiency would disappear, and the great express companies, which now get everything over four pounds in weight and declare 100 per cent dividends, would come down to a fair figure.

The President's entire message makes up 17,000 words, and will be read by few people.

It is a very "safe and sane" document, however, and breathes that spirit of white dove peace for which Taft is famed.

Only little Zelaya has done anything to wound the sensitive feelings of your Uncle Sam, and he will be properly chastised.

American citizens who dabble in Central and Southern American politics and revolutions will get about what they deserve, we imagine. And they, like a lot of

our over-zealous missionaries, would do well to remain at home. The war-song which is being sung around Zelaya's ears would be a veritable swan song, with the air filled with peace doves and every head wearing an olive crown, if these two executed Americans had acted and received the same treatment in Japan.

All of which brings us back to the consoling thought that "it all depends on whose ox is gored."

After exposure, and when you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from the system. Is mildly laxative. J. C. Jones & Co., Millwood, R. C. Green & Co., Boyce, Va.

CULTIVATE THE SAVING HABIT.

It may change your whole life for the better and make great things possible to you.

BANK OF CLARKE COUNTY.
Capital and profits \$85,000.00.

A Beautiful Calendar.

Attention is called to the beautiful art calendar entitled "The Virginia Huntress," which Edward J. Quinn, of Washington, D. C., is sending each of his customers.

This calendar exceeds in beauty and style any calendar distributed this year. It is a special picture, and was secured from one of the most noted American artists.

More Danville Proof

Jacob Schraff, 432 South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "For over eighteen months I was a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble. During the whole time was treated by several doctors and tried several different kidney pills. Seven weeks ago I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Pills, and am feeling better every day and will be glad to tell anyone interested just what Foley's Kidney Pills did for me." J. C. Jones & Co., Millwood, R. C. Green & Co., Boyce, Va.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Berryville, Virginia, will be held in the Directors' Room of said Bank, in Berryville, on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, at 11 a. m.

C. MULLIKIN,
President.

New Paper at Manassas.

The first issue of the Manassas Democrat, a new weekly publication, has been received, and reflects great credit upon its publishers.

Messrs. Frank E. Garrison and Louis E. Slingerland, the editors, have presented a neat paper, well printed, and excellently arranged. They announce that the new paper will be uncompromisingly democratic in politics.

The COURIER welcomes the new publication to our exchange table, and extends best wishes for the financial and moral success of the Democrat.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. I certainly recommend it." J. C. Jones & Co., Millwood, R. C. Green & Co., Boyce, Va.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Boyce State Bank, Incorporated, will be held in the Banking House at Boyce, Va., on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Geo. B. HARRISON,
President.

A Correction.

In last week's COURIER, in the advertisement of Wiest & Wilt, at Rippon, W. Va., the price of turkeys was misquoted.

It was not the intention of Messrs. Wiest & Wilt to state any price, as the prices will probably vary from day to day from this time until Christmas.

Through a misunderstanding of their advertising order, this error was made.

We call particular attention to their advertisement in this issue.

They want turkeys delivered on December 15, 16 and 18, and will pay good prices.

Write or 'phone them for prices before selling.

THE COURIER.

COAL COAL COAL

All Grades, Sizes and Kinds. Leave your orders now for Summer delivery and save money. BERRYVILLE ICE CO., W. T. LEWIS, Mgr.

Majority for Local Option.

The Richmond papers have made the startling discovery that a large majority of the members of the next Senate and House are in favor of Local Option as against State-wide Prohibition.

This is nothing new to us, as it has been apparent for years that the majority of the members of the different legislatures have been Local Optionists, rather than State-wide Prohibitionists.

The point we want to drive home, however, is that no matter how the members of the Legislature may stand on the question of Local Option or State-wide Prohibition, they will commit political suicide of the most foolish kind if they fail to vote for a bill to submit the State-wide Prohibition idea to a vote of the people of Virginia, if such a bill is introduced.

The Legislature has not been chosen on a "wet" or "dry" platform, excepting the general connection of Judge Mann with the ticket and with the prohibition movement as set forth by the Anti-Saloon League.

But no politician with brains or foresight will dare to oppose giving the people of Virginia a chance to vote on this great question.

As to whether or not the movement will triumph, that is another question, and can only be answered by the vote.

From a careful study of the conditions through the State generally, we believe the State-wide Prohibition movement will triumph, eventually.

Whether it will win on its first attempt, or go to a second and more bitter struggle, time alone can prove.

Here are the questions which occur to us: Who will be the Virginia Carmack? What will be the ultimate political result of this State-wide Prohibition movement? Will it place Virginia in the doubtful column, as many people think? We think the incoming Legislature should pass a bill making the local option elections occur every five years, instead of two years, irrespective of the bill for a State-wide election.

We anticipate one of the bitterest political contests through which this State has ever passed, when the vote on State-wide Prohibition comes. There may be good men killed over it. Certainly we expect to see its scars remain for many a day.

C. R. H.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists. 25c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Flowers for Christmas.

C. H. Mercer requests all persons desiring flowers for Christmas, or other occasions, to place their orders with Mrs. Hammond, who will promptly attend to the matter for him.

42 C. H. MERCER.

"Ned" Ricamore in Minstrelsy.

The Rosewell, N. M., Register-Tribune of December 3 devotes a column to an account of a minstrel show pulled off there by the Apollo Club, for the benefit of their band, in which Ned Ricamore, formerly of Berryville, played a star part.

The Register-Tribune says that "Ricamore proved himself an artist in the minstrel business," and mentioned every number in which he took part.

Berryville audiences have often been amused by his "coon town" delineations, and have enjoyed his minstrelsy.

The best pills are DeWitt's Little Early Risers—the safe, easy, pleasant and sure little liver pills. DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve is the original Good for cuts, burns or bruises, and especially for piles. Sold by all Druggists.

Girl Wanted.

Girl or young woman to do general housework and take care of children. Good wages for right kind. Address HOUSEKEEPER, care COURIER, Berryville, Va.

COAL COAL COAL

All Grades, Sizes and Kinds. Leave your orders now for Summer delivery and save money. BERRYVILLE ICE CO., W. T. LEWIS, Mgr.

Death of Mrs. Joseph Timberlake.

Following an illness of paralysis extending over the past several months, Mrs. Josephine Timberlake, wife of Mr. William D. Timberlake, died yesterday morning at "Montana Hall," the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Conrad, near White Post. Mrs. Timberlake was 81 years of age, and had lived in Clarke county all of her life.

Several months ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis, which left her in a very enfeebled condition. In spite of careful nursing and attention, she grew gradually worse, and early yesterday morning another stroke of paralysis proved fatal.

Mrs. Timberlake is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Conrad, wife of Hon. W. G. Conrad, the wealthy Montana banker and ranchman. Mrs. Conrad is now in Montana, and messages informing her of her mother's death have been sent to her home at Great Falls. Her husband makes his home near Montana Hall, and Mrs. Timberlake had for some time past been living with her granddaughters, who spend much of their time here.

Hexamethylenetetramine

The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and anti-septic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious malady. J. C. Jones & Co., Millwood, R. C. Green & Co., Boyce, Va.

Santa Claus Visits Banff.

Full line of the Candies of all kinds. Fancy box candies a specialty. Best assortment of 7c candy ever seen here.

Nuts, Fruit, Lemons, Oranges, Dates, etc.

Toys, toys, toys.

Orders will be taken for Layer and Fruit Cakes.

Oysters and Lunches all the time.

For Christmas and New Year days, will have Strawberry Ice Cream.

Send in your orders early.

If in doubt, come to see me.

BANFF THE BAKER.

Miss Page and Mr. Mitchell to wed.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Susan Page, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Powell Page, of "Saratoga," near Boyce, and Mr. Roland G. Mitchell.

The ceremony, which will take place in Christ Episcopal Church, Millwood, on Tuesday, January 4, will be a very quiet one, and only the relatives and intimate friends will be present, on account of a recent death in the bride's family.

No formal invitations have been issued.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Berryville Ice Company will be held in the office of W. T. Lewis, in Berryville, Va., on Thursday, January 6, 1910, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

W. A. MACOMB,
Secretary.

Mr. Crown Painfully Injured.

While cutting some kindling wood recently, Mr. Percy T. Crown, son of the late Mr. John O. Crown, was painfully injured by a piece of wood striking him in the eye. He went to Washington and was treated by Dr. Monte Griffith, the eye specialist, who removed a small piece of the eye which had been injured, and it is now believed that he will entirely recover. The injury was excruciatingly painful, and Mr. Crown narrowly escaped losing the sight of one of his eyes.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Clarke County will be held at the Banking House of said Bank in Berryville, Virginia, on Thursday, January 13, 1910, at noon.

JOHN B. NEILL,
Cashier.

COAL COAL COAL

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Creamery Nearing Completion

The new Creamery is nearing completion, and it is hoped to have all the work finished and the machinery installed within the next few weeks, so that the plant can be started as soon as possible after the first of the new year.

All of the machinery has arrived, and much of it has been placed in position.

Expert workmen are now engaged in putting all of the machinery and appliances in first-class arrangement and condition, and, when completed, the plant will be the most modern of its kind in the Valley anywhere.

There is one thing of importance which should be borne in mind by the farmers who expect to deliver milk to the Creamery.

You should at once notify Mr. W. A. Macomb of the number of cows which you will have to start; and the number of milk cans (if any) which you will need.

Do not delay this important matter until next week, or tomorrow, or any time, but drop Mr. Macomb a letter or postal with the desired information at once.

Do not fear that the Creamery cannot accommodate all the cows which can be secured. The only fear is that not enough will come forward at the start. Have your cows well kept and fed, and your returns from your milk each month will amply repay you for the trouble.

Neglecting the proper feed and care of the cows will mean that your milk will not be as rich as it should, and the price will, naturally, be lower.

Those who give the best attention to their cows will receive the highest price, as the price will be based upon the amount of butter-fat in each gallon of milk.

Each man will receive the same price per pound for butter-fat, but if your neighbor receives more pounds from a stated number of cows than you, you will know that he is feeding his cows, and taking better care of them, than you are doing.

Send in your list of cows to Mr. Macomb, and tell him how many milk cans you will need. Do it now—today.

He must have this information, and you are the only one who can furnish it.

The symptoms of kidney trouble are urinary disorders, weak back and backache, rheumatism and rheumatic pains and twinges, pains in the groin, etc. There is nothing as good for kidney and bladder trouble as DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. You may depend upon them to give satisfaction. They are antiseptic, act promptly and soothe pain. Sold by all Druggists.

YOUR MONEY

will earn 3 per cent interest if deposited in THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BERRYVILLE, a modern and up-to-date banking institution.

Matches to Burn.

The Government estimators have compiled figures showing the annual production and consumption of matches, and have discovered that three million matches are struck in the civilized world every minute. This is the average for every minute of the twenty-four hours of the day. Fifteen hundred billion is the enormous number for the entire year, and those living under the American flag are said to be responsible for the consumption of half of this amount.

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. J. C. Jones & Co., Millwood, R. C. Green & Co., Boyce.

Notice to Trespassers.

All the lands owned or under control of the undersigned are posted, and trespassers will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

J. C. RUTHERFORD,
H. C. LEVI,
J. O. LEVI,
BURWELL MCGUIRE,
J. E. ZIMMERO,
GEO. C. RICAMORE,
GEO. H. BYRD,
E. WICKHAM BYRD,
S. S. THOMAS,
THOS. D. GOLD,
GEO. A. BOWEN,
CHAS. A. JONES,
P. J. LOCKE,
T. B. LEVI.

Childs-Chapman.

A very pretty wedding was that of Miss Grace Chapman, daughter of George C. Chapman, of Berryville, and Mr. A. Floyd Childs, of near Summit Point, which was solemnized at "Wee Haw," the home of the groom, at 8 o'clock on Monday evening.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Julian Broadus, D. D., of the Berryville Baptist Church, and a large number of friends and relatives were present to extend congratulations and best wishes.

After the ceremony a bounteous supper was served, which was enjoyed by all.

The bride is a very pretty girl, and has marked ability as a successful and careful housekeeper, and the groom is to be congratulated on securing such a worthy helpmeet.

The groom is associated with his two brothers, under the name of Childs Brothers, in the conduct of several large farms, and will make his home at "Wee Haw."

Childs Brothers have the reputation of being among the very best and most successful farmers in this section, and the couple have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

Foley's Honey and Tar is the best and safest cough remedy for children. At the first symptoms of a cold, give as directed, and ward off danger of croup, bronchitis, sore throat, cold in the head, and stuffy breathing. It brings comfort and ease to the little ones. Contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Keep always on hand, and refuse substitutes. J. C. Jones & Co., Millwood, R. C. Green & Co., Boyce, Va.

Bargains in Christmas Presents.

50c Japanese China, 39c.
25c Japanese China, 19c.
10c and 15c Japanese China, 8c.
60c Books, 49c.
35c Books, 25c.
10c Tree Ornaments, 6c.
5c Tree Ornaments, 3c.
3c and 4c Tree Ornaments, 2c.
Other Christmas Goods at reduced prices.

THE RICAMORE STORE.

Dramatic Club to Give Show.

The Berryville Dramatic Club announces that it will present an entertainment consisting of two farces and specialties on the evening of December 28.

Rehearsals have been held very often and the company is nearing perfection.

The proceeds of the performance will be devoted to the Daughters of the Confederacy, and it is hoped that a large audience will be present when the curtain goes up in Winston Hall on Tuesday night, December 28.

Those who have witnessed the rehearsals are unanimous in saying that the show will be more than worth the admission price.

Don't forget the date—December 28.

Fireworks! Fireworks!

You must have then for Christmas celebrations and fun. We have them. All kinds. Low prices.

WHITING & BRIGGS,
Briggs, Va.

Miss Thomson to Wed Mr. Chew.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Octavia H. Thomson, the pretty daughter of Dr. Pen Thomson, of "Hawthorne," near Summit Point, W. Va., and Mr. John A. Chew, of New York City, formerly of Charles Town, W. Va., the ceremony to take place on January 1, at Summit Point.

Turkeys Wanted.

1000 Turkeys wanted. Will pay highest cash price for good stock delivered to Rippon, W. Va., December 15, 16 and 18. Get our price before you sell.

40 2t WIEST & WILT.

Nice Sweaters at Wisecarver's.

Wisecarver Brothers are advertising a nice assortment of Sweaters and Hats for Saturday sale, at practically half of the regular prices. This is an opportunity to get something nice in the way of a Christmas present, at a low price. Call and see them.

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CORRESPONDENCE

BOYCE.

Mr. B. C. Painter has closed a deal for eleven town lots. We understand it is Mr. Painter's intention to erect a number of houses.

Commissioner of the Revenue R. L. Thompson has purchased a lot, adjoining his home, from the Edison Live Stock Company.

Engineer F. O. Renshaw, of the State Highway Commission, made a survey of the road leading from Boyce to the Old Chapel last Friday and Saturday, and specifications for the State Road between these two points will soon be finished.

The Chapel district friends of good roads are sincerely sorry for the death of Mr. T. G. Singhas, for he was a hard worker for the betterment of roads in the district, and took a keen interest in the road work everywhere.

The Boyce School Lot.

DEAR COURIER: In view of the publicity given the ejection suit, styled Knight vs. Grim and others, it would be well to give a brief history of this, now noted, case.

Over twenty years ago, Greenway school board, composed of W. T. Kerfoot, Dr. T. M. Lewis and Jno. F. Sowers, petitioned the court to have a piece of land in the town of Boyce, condemned for school purposes. Viewers, Beverly Randolph, R. Powell Page and Jno. W. Sprunt, in their report, fixed the damages at \$200 for half an acre, and the record says that "the money was paid," but the school board failed to have the final order entered, and the proceedings were still pending eight years, ago, when, doubtless, the court, in clearing the docket had the final order entered, and the title began to run.

Up to this time the school board was a trespasser. About two years ago Greenway school board, composed of M. L. P. Reed, R. H. Ritter and S. J. Wiley, decided to put a high school building at Boyce, and Greenway board transferred the property, now in suit, to the Chapel board who sold the property to P. T. Grim for \$925, the proceeds from this sale to be used in the new building. Before deed could pass Mr. Grim went upon the lot in question and built a dwelling house and other outbuildings, which cost him about \$1200. After waiting several months a deed, (general warranty) from Greenway board passed to Chapel board, and the Chapel board at once prepared a deed for Grim, but before this deed could pass, Miss Julia Knight, through her attorney, F. B. Whiting, instituted suit for the property. Chapel school board employed Harrison & Lewis to defend the suit, and won in the Circuit Court. Miss Knight appealed, and now we learn that the Court of Appeals has reversed the lower court on the question of adverse possession. So the case must be heard again.

Some months ago Mr. Grim bought an other lot adjoining the lot in suit. His house, having been in "suspense" for many months, "decided to move off." Whether any physical force was added to this "decision" this document says not. At any rate the house "moved" and seemed to overcome its momentum on a beautiful eminence on the new lot, where it has been greatly improved, and seems to be "satisfied" in its new location. We had hoped to have a great witness in a jolly old bachelor of Millwood, who on his return from a Winchester moving picture show, with his best girl, passed the school lot while the house was in transit, but our jolly friend declares that he was looking at the young lady and not at the "moving."

Mr. Grim has a large family and it is said the children slept peacefully during their transportation. The school lot, to-day, is as smooth and clean as if swept by a cyclone, and a stranger would never dream that it had been, for years, the playground for school children, who were examined and instructed by such well known people as Carter Louthan, Buck Meade, Caleb Massey, Colonel Bruce, Billy Manning, Miss Fennell, Trone Sprunt, and others. We remember two or three of these worthy pedagogues who did not "spare the rod," and that the little "incurables" were not sent home, but were "tickled" into submission. Shall we drop a silent tear on this "bone of contention" or come again?

SCHOOL OFFICERS.

The next time one of the children catch cold, give it something that will promptly and freely and gently move the bowels. In that way the cold will at once be driven out of the system. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels promptly and freely, yet gently, and at the same time heats, irritates and stops the cough. It is especially good for children. Sold by all druggists.

SHACKLEFORD'S GOOD THINGS.

OYSTERS in Sealed cans: Oysters in bulk.

Candies, at all prices.

Cranberries, Lettuce, Celery, Cauliflower, Oranges, Bananas, Tangerines, Lemons, Pineapples, Grapes, Grape Fruit.

EVERYTHING, of the highest quality, which the City Markets afford.

Please leave orders early for Oysters.